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Liturgy Schedule

Annunciation Parish

Tuesday's, Thursday's and
Friday's at 8:00; 10:00am on
Wednesday's at the Care
Home.

Weekend Mass Saturday's at
4:00pm with Confessions
prior at 3:00pm
Sunday Mass at 10:30am

Adoration, Benediction &
Rosary Service:
Tuesday's at 7:00pm

Adoration on Friday's
from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

St. Monica \ St. Elizabeth Parish Blue Rapids:

Mass on Sunday Morning at
8:30am with confessions from
8:00am to 8:15am

St. Columbkille Parish Blaine

Mass on Saturday evening at
6:00pm with confessions from
5:30pm to 5:45pm

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Fr. Daniel to schedule a
baptismal preparation class.

Marriage

Arrangements need to be made at
least six months prior to the
wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the office for an appointment
or for emergency instructions.

Confessions

Before weekend liturgy's and by
appointment

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Annunciation Parish

Serving St. Monica \ St. Elizabeth in Blue Rapids
and St. Columbkille in Blaine

AUGUST 30 TH 2015

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing as Disciples of Jesus, Making Disciples For Jesus

If you saw the Leaven recently, you noticed the vision statement for the entire church of northeast Kansas is the same as the one I've had on top of the bulletin many times here. Its no accident.

I hope to take the next several weeks on this cover, and tie a little piece of the 10 year vision to the Sunday celebration. This Sunday, Jesus and the Pharisees get heated over what defiles a person and what makes a person righteous, just before God. (See the inside of the bulletin for more on being righteous, just.)

Righteousness can be viewed as the main reason that evangelization, the number one priority over the next ten years, is so

important. Being justified makes us pleasing to God.

Just as a child has joy, is happy to please a parent in some way, so we can take joy from pleasing Our Savior. The vision statement begins with the joy that Christ wants us to have:

“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.” [John 15

It continues: “Who among us does not desire joy? It seems ironic Jesus speaks of joy in the portion of the Gospel in which Our Lord is preparing His disciples for His own imminent death. What is the nature of this joy that even death cannot dampen?”

Such joy can only come from the one who conquered death itself, and offers us a share of eternal life by making us justified by his free gift and our response to it. I pray you have such joy in your hearts and homes today.

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Fr. Schmitz

Questions

Please see page 4 for the action items placed on the cover of last week's bulletin. May the Lord give growth to your labors in His Kingdom!

1. What does it feel like to be justified, made righteous by the Holy One, to be pleasing to God?
2. What is it like to have family members who are pleasing to God?
3. Which neighbor would you like to see justified by the Precious Blood of Christ?

Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Notes	Intention
08/31/2015	Monday	Weekday	No a.m. Mass
09/01/2015	Tuesday	Weekday	+Norbert Brady
09/02/2015	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. (Frankfort Care Home)	+Jean Kuckelman
09/03/2015	Thursday	St. Gregory the Great	+Lawrence & +Dorothy Shump
09/04/2015	Friday	Weekday	+Lucile Haas
09/05/2015	Saturday	Frankfort 4:00 p. m.	For All Parishioners of the 3 Parishes
09/05/2015	Saturday	Blaine 6:00 p.m.	+Donald "Bud" Keating
09/06/2015	Sunday	Blue Rapids 8:30 a.m.	+Ray & +Anna Ring
09/06/2015	Sunday	Frankfort 10:30 a. m.	+LJ & +Renee Miller

Saturday, September 5th: Annunciation 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 6th: Annunciation 10:30 am

Lector	Stephanie Huninghake
Servers	Kaci Vaughn, Alli & Mikael Tommer
Communion	M. Kennedy, M. Griffin, & R. Broxterman
Musicians	Jeanie G. & Lynn B.
Ushers	Phil Maas & Bill Marksman
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Eileen Bramlage
Sacristan	Marybeth Kennedy

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Lector	Charlie Gerstner
Servers	Grace & Spencer Dressman, & Brady Trimble
Communion	L. Dressman, T. Dressman, & L. Schmitz
Musicians	Marilyn Dressman & Marie Wessel
Ushers	Myron Dressman & Herschel Mentgen
Gifts	Ushers to appoint
Rosary	Gerald Gerstner & Dan Gerstner
Care Home	Wilma Harrington
Sacristan	Theresa Dressman

This that and the Other...

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC ASSESSMENTS of \$50.00 are now due. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

NOTE OF THANKS- to all parishioners who have paid their Picnic Assessments. This helps pay our Cathedral to the Archdiocese which this year amounted to \$5,477.42. The Cathedral is 5% of our Ordinary Collections & Other Contributions during the fiscal year.

Benediction, Adoration, & Rosary, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Religious Ed. Raffle. Tickets are \$100.00 each (can be multiple people per ticket). Our Religious Ed. Program gets \$250.00 back if all our 5 tickets are sold. Chance to win a \$20,000 Grand Prize. For information or to purchase a ticket contact Joe Maas.

LEAVEN SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES— The annual subscription to the Leaven will increase to \$21 per year. Leaven subscriptions are due in September.

ANNUNCIATION OFFERINGS

August 23, 2015

Envelopes \$1255.00

Plate \$281.75

Total \$1536.75

Other Income

Picnic Assessment	\$ 50.00
Hall Use	\$ 90.00
Leaven	\$ 21.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 60.00

RELIGIOUS ED NOTES—

Grades 1 through 6 Religious Ed. Classes are scheduled to begin at 2:10 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd. Fees are \$15.00 per student. Thank you to those who have graciously volunteered to teach Grade School Religious Ed. Classes this year. Those teaching are 1st

Grade-Agnes Maas, 2nd Grade-Marilyn Hazen, 3rd Grade-Jody Ketter, 4th Grade-Sylvia Wapp, 5th Grade-Frannie Fangman, & 6th Grade-Toby Broxterman.

Jr./Sr. High Religious Ed classes will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd, 7:00 to 8:15 pm. There will be a meeting with parents of the students in the Confirmation class at 7:00 in the church on September 2nd.

Confirmation students please remember to bring your textbooks. Fees are \$15.00 per student.

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CONGRATULATIONS Dorothy Cline, daughter of Austin & Shenan Cline and Caroline Studer, daughter of Charlie & Jane Studer who were baptized at Annunciation Parish this weekend.

Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca Picnic— Sunday, September 6th. Roast beef and ham dinner. Serving begins at 4:30. Concession stand and beer garden open at 5:00 pm. Games for all ages! Auction begins at 8:30 pm. Teen dance from 8:30-11:30 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Auditorium. Admission is \$4.00.

Mother Teresa Catholic Church, Topeka, KS will host its annual Holy Smoking Jamboree on Saturday September 12th and Sunday September 13th. This event is known for its smoked ribs available both days. A roast beef dinner will begin serving on Sunday at 11:30 am. This event is fun for all ages it includes bingo, cake walk, children's events, silent auction, raffles and a live auction on Sunday afternoon.

ST. PATRICK, CORNING— Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, September 13th. Serving 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, & OJ at the Corning Community Center. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will help finance the pilgrimage to the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November.

A four session Grief and Loss Support Program for couples, individuals or others who are living with the loss of an infant due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or early infant death, is being held at Nativity Parish, 3800 West 119th St., Leawood KS, on four Thursday evenings, August 27, September 3, 10, and 17, from 7-9:00 PM. Please contact Mary Helen Dennihan at 913 491 4268 or dennihan6@kc.rr.com with questions and to register.

Frankfort Food Pantry— Please help us support our local food pantry. There is a basket in the back of church to drop off non-perishable food items.

MARRIED COUPLES

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The last dates in 2015 are: **October 2 - 4 and November 20 - 22**. For information or to apply, check our website:

www.wwme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066

or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

CRISIS CENTER, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT

WORKSHOP— Volunteer Training Program—Saturday, Sept. 19th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm AND Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Held at 437 Houston St., Manhattan, KS. Fee is \$15.00. For details & to reserve your spot call 785-539-7935. In order to volunteer for The Crisis Center agency it is required to attend both training days. Serving Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie & Riley counties & Fort Riley.

What a perfect time to enroll in **Natural Family Planning** classes! After the course fee is paid, expenses are nearly zero—no doctor or pharmacy bills to pay. Better yet, the only typical side effects of NFP are a happier marriage and healthier spouses. You are encouraged to attend the course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP in Topeka beginning Thurs., Sept. 10th at 6:30pm. Reasonable course fee charged. You may call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at 913-894-3558 for more info, including the location of this class. **Online pre-registration required at:** www.ccli.org. Learn more at nfptopeka.blogspot.com.

How do we enter the promised land?

A draft of the homily to be given this weekend:

The Pharisees are back at it again today. We pick up the Gospel according to Mark once more, and it is a scene of Jesus and his disciples breaking bread again, tying this to the multiplication of the loaves and the last five weeks of the Bread of Life Discourse in John 6.

The Pharisees, they want to get it right. In fact, their whole group got started when they saw so many Jews not caring about the law of Moses, and they wanted to live it perfectly. But of course, outside of Christ, nothing is perfect, and today is another example of where they'd gotten off course. They wanted everyone to wash everything before use as a way of making it sacred, consecrated to God. Not a bad thing. They got it from the Mosaic law that said priests had to do this before offering sacrifices on the altar of atonement.

Jesus, once again, shows them how far they are from fulfilling the law. Now remember, this is important stuff: this is about justification, righteousness before God. Without being justified, we can't stand in His Holy Presence. This is the heart of the difference between Catholics and Jews: Jews hold they are

justified by following the law of Moses; we are justified by our faith in Jesus Christ. These Pharisees were off base because it wasn't part of the law, part of the Jewish way of being righteous, for people to wash everything, it was part of their customs. Even so, they still taught that if anyone didn't wash everything before a meal, they weren't righteous. That's not anywhere in the law of Moses. And what's worse, Jesus actually cites an example where Pharisees tell people its ok to break the 4th commandment, if you're doing it to give the temple or themselves money. That you don't have to provide for your dad and mom in their old age when they're struggling, if you are going to give that money to a religious purpose.

Jesus wants to set the tone: he summons the people to him, (different from most of the other times when the crowds come to him), and connects righteousness to what is in our hearts, to morality, to what we do and think. He says that it isn't what we eat or wash, it is what comes out of our hearts that make us pleasing to God. He lists 12 things, 6 actions and 6 dispositions; they who choose them are defiled. It's easy to see from his list that people haven't changed much in two millenia! The same struggles and sins are encountered today: sins of lust and theft, deceit and envy, arrogance and licentiousness. The human heart can rise to greatness and it can still fall to baseness.

This is how Jesus perfects the law: As Moses said in the first reading: if the Jews follow the law, the nations around them will see how wise and intelligent and united they are, and they are promised entrance into the holy land. But the law never had the power to justify, to make righteous, this power comes from the Spirit of Christ. And it is no physical, earthly place where violence still happens and death takes away the prize: our promised land is the perfect peace and joy and fulfillment of every desire: eternal life with Our Lord.

As we continue our journey in righteousness to that promised land, let us keep to our spiritual game plan, of walking humbly with the Lord each day. Perhaps there is a widow or orphan you know that you can share the joys and sorrows of this life with, walking with them in their hardships, spending time and letting them know how much you love them. This is one of the best ways of to help grow in love of God and neighbor!

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 31	First Reading: 1 Thes. 4: 13-18 Gospel: Lk. 4: 16-30
Tuesday, September 1	First Reading: 1 Thes. 5: 1-6, 9-11 Gospel: Lk. 4: 31-37
Wednesday, September 2	First Reading: Col. 1: 1-8 Gospel: Lk. 4: 38-44
Thursday, September 3	First Reading: Col. 1: 9-14 Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11
Friday, September 4	First Reading: Col. 1: 15-20 Gospel: Lk. 5: 33-39
Saturday, September 5	First Reading: Col. 1: 21-23 Gospel: Lk. 6: 1-5
Sunday, September 6	1st Reading: Is. 35: 4-7a 2nd Reading: Jas. 2: 1-5 Gospel: Mk. 7: 31-37



Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

Watching her mother struggle, a single girl asked why it was necessary to cut the bone off the piece of meat before putting it in the pot to roast. The mother replied, "That's the way my mother did it." Later the girl asked her grandmother the same question, only to be given the same answer, "That's the way my mother did it." Somewhat intrigued to know the real reason, she placed a long distance call to her great-grandmother asking the same question. This time she got a different answer, "Because it was too big for the pot I had." We chuckle at how this practical solution inadvertently became established as a meaningless tradition from one generation to the next. The following statement succinctly captures Jesus' teaching in this week's Gospel reading by explaining, "Tradition is the living faith of the dead. Traditionalism is the dead faith of the living."¹ Jesus is speaking in this week's Gospel passage about the dangers of traditionalism. He rebukes the Pharisees, not for the proper adherence to tradition, but for their traditionalism. As Catholics our lives and worship are marked by tradition, and unfortunately for some it has become traditionalism. Tradition is and should be a good and healthy aspect of our lives, leading us to Jesus and

amplifying his teaching. The value of tradition is emphasized by Jesus' example as he observed the religious traditions of Judaism. The last supper Jesus had with his disciples took place amidst his observing of the Passover tradition. It was during this observance that Jesus instituted the sacrament and tradition of the Eucharistic meal. So we know from his life that Jesus was not opposed to valuable traditions, but rather to the hypocrisy of traditionalism. The point of Jesus' rebuke was the Pharisees' hypocritical concern about minute, man-made details of religious observances, while simultaneously harboring hearts overflowing with deceit and sin. Sacred Scripture tells us that God does not look on the outward appearances, but rather looks on the heart. So God is not fooled by outward shows of religiosity, though people sometimes are. Romano Guardini, in his book *The Lord*, discusses the dangers of traditionalism by explaining, "A special caste, that of the scribes, the protectors of the Law, grew up around it. They probed its meaning, interpreted and applied it. They surrounded every paragraph with explanations and observations, which in turn gradually assumed the character of new laws, so that in the course of time a fine strong net held the whole of life in its meshes. "... To this was added that which Jesus

mentions with such heaviness of heart; hypocrisy and cant. On the outside, greatest delicacy of conscience; on the inside, hardness of heart. Outer loyalty to the Law; inner sin—and sin without admission of sin, with neither contrition nor the desire for salvation (Matt. 15:7; 22:19; 23:13-35). Such then the attitude with which Jesus was confronted." 2 Legitimate traditions, which are primarily manifest through outward expressions, are not to be abandoned, but rather to be understood as a means of transforming our heart and life. Tradition when practiced wisely, and wholeheartedly helps us examine and prepare our heart, reflect on the condition of our heart, and can lead our heart to Jesus and his teachings. Tradition should be a means of growth and grace and not simply used to validate a life with God which either doesn't exist or which exists in a sorry state of disrepair. To avoid traditionalism, we need not know where every tradition originated but like the young girl in the illustration, we must seek to know why we practice a tradition, and then practice it from the heart.

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Righteous, Dude!

To supplement the part of the homily on righteousness/justification, here are the words of Catechism:

PART THREE LIFE IN CHRIST

CHAPTER THREE GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE

ARTICLE 2 I. JUSTIFICATION

1987 The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to justify us, that is, to cleanse us from our sins and to communicate to us "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" and through Baptism: But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.³⁵

1988 Through the power of the Holy Spirit we take part in Christ's Passion by dying to sin, and in his Resurrection by being born to a new life; we are members of his Body which is the Church, branches grafted onto the vine which is himself: [God] gave himself to us through his Spirit. By the participation of the Spirit, we become communicants in the divine nature. . . . For this reason, those in whom the Spirit dwells are divinized. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

1989 The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is *conversion*, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."³⁸ Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. "Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man."³⁹

1991 Justification is at the same time *the acceptance of God's righteousness* through faith in Jesus Christ. Righteousness (or "justice") here means the rectitude of divine love. With justification, faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts, and obedience to the divine will is granted us.

1992 Justification has been *merited for us by the Passion of Christ* who offered himself on the cross as a living victim, holy and pleasing to God, and whose blood has become the instrument of atonement for the sins of all men. Justification is conferred in Baptism, the sacrament of faith. It conforms us to the righteousness of God, who makes us inwardly just by the power of his mercy. Its purpose is the glory of God and of Christ, and the gift of eternal life.⁴⁰

1994 Justification is the *most excellent work of God's love* made manifest in Christ Jesus and granted by the Holy Spirit. It is the opinion of St. Augustine that "the justification of the wicked is a greater work than the creation of heaven and earth," because "heaven and earth will pass away but the salvation and justification of the elect . . . will not pass away."⁴³ He holds also that the justification of sinners surpasses the creation of the angels in justice, in that it bears witness to a greater mercy.

1995 The Holy Spirit is the master of the interior life. By giving birth to the "inner man,"⁴⁴ justification entails the *sanctification* of his whole being: Just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. . . . But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life.⁴⁵



St. Monica\St. Elizabeth, Blue Rapids



Calendar and Mass Intention

September 6th, 8:30 am— +Ray & +Anna Ring

August 23, 2015 offerings

Envelopes	\$330.00
Plate	\$140.00
Leaven	\$ 63.00

NOTICE-
Eucharistic ministers, lector and servers please meet with Fr Schmitz in the vestment room 10 minutes before Mass.

ALL ARE INVITED— Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. Mass Today, August 30th in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Marysville Knights of Columbus. Come and enjoy this good food and welcome Fr. Schmitz to our parish.

CCD NOTES-

The 2015/16 CCD year is quickly approaching! Plans are underway and it will be another wonderful year for the children of our parish. We offer classes to children ages 3-4 year old Preschool through 6th grade. Parents, you will be receiving a letter in the mail updating you on the upcoming year.

We are also looking for adults who would like to share their time with the young children and volunteer to teach a class. If you are interested or would like to have more information, please contact Sarah Toerber after mass or by phone or email...363-7065, sctoerber@gmail.com

New Parish Council members sought —We are looking for two members to help further the mission of the parish. If you are interested please contact Fr. Schmitz.

Interested in helping our children learn about how much God loves them? Please contact Sarah Toerber to volunteer as a religious ed. Teacher.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume September 4th from noon to 5:00p.m. The Adoration Group would like to have more parishioners take an active part in this undertaking. Please take a time.

Ministers of the Mass

Sunday September 6, 8:30 a.m. St. Monica\St. Elizabeth

Lector	Z. Duensing
Servers	H. Borgerding, M. Toerber, & O. Skalla
Gifts	Hogan Family
Communion	H. Borgerding, M. Zidek, & J. Wienck
Ushers	J. Bachura & S. Toerber

Church Cleaners: September— Norma Hirt & Sally Henry
Sacristan Schedule: September—Norma Hirt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- John Schreiner 9/1
- Kiana Skillin 9/1
- Rob Swearingen 9/1
- Cade Zidek 9/2
- Dana Baier 9/3
- Steve Carlson 9/3
- Avery Bishop 9/5
- Jim Zidek 9/5
- Don Cohorst 9/5

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mary & Carl Dixon 9/6

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New playground coming soon!

The playground will soon be on the west side of the church. I want to thank everyone who has donated the materials and the coming labor for this. Although the materials have all been obtained—we're still taking donations for some additions we would like to make. It's important to note that this has been entirely funded by donations and no parish funds have been used.



St. Columbkille Parish, Blaine KS

Ministers of the Mass *Saturday September 5, 6:00 p.m.* **Saturday August 22, 2015 offering**

Lector	Lisa Moser
Servers	
Ministers	H. Moser, E. Hofman, & K. Suther
Hospitality	Steve & Karen Lundberg

8/22/2015	Envelope	382.00	
	Plate	306.00	
	Grocery Money	60.00	
	Leaven	21.00	
			769.00

We ask that you support our youth going to NCYC in November by purchasing popcorn from them at the Church Bazaar.

Cemetery Mowing

September 1st

Altar Society Meeting Dates—All meetings at 7:00 pm

September 28, 2015

October 26, 2015

November 23, 2015

Concrete Work With major help from Finan Construction, the Knights of Columbus completed construction of the sidewalk on the north side of the church hall. The Knights contributed \$2188.00 to purchase the cement and iron rebar used in the project. The Altar Society contributed \$1000 toward the concrete pad on the east side of the hall.

The Altar Society would like to thank all who contributed to the cost of our raffle quilt and a very special thank you to Dorothy Finan for all her hard work towards the making of that beautiful quilt. The winner of the quilt was Kyle Ebert.

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Knights of Columbus

Meeting September 10, 2015

Pancake Breakfast -- October 10, 2015 7am -1pm

Religious Education (1st-7th grade)

Classes begin September 16th, 6:30-7:30pm. Please sign your child up in the back of church.

We are looking for an additional religious education teacher. Please contact Sally Olson, if interested.

solson@vet.ksu.edu or 785-410-7513.

Parish Groups

The group listings of our parish, which are St. Anne, St. Bridget and St. Monica, are in need of restructuring. The Altar Society would like to discuss this process at our November meeting. If you would like to give us your input and ideas as to how best this might be accomplished, please join us on November 23, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Garage Sale The Altar Society will again be serving breakfast and lunch at our annual garage sale on September 25 & 26th. Last year we asked for food donations and had a wonderful response. Please check the sign-up sheet in the back of church if you would like to donate any of the items listed. Your help is greatly appreciated.

A Note from the Pastor:

At this week's parish council meeting, several topics were discussed, especially options for inviting the lapsed adults and high school students to participate in the parish. Also, we discussed at length adding storage space onto the hall. There are several reasons for this. It would let us get rid of the \$100/mo for the storage trailer that currently sits on site. It would let us move the items in the garage/shed to an enclosed space. We would have the convenience of everything being close at hand, especially in inclement weather. And, it would free up a classroom for the children to use for CCD classes. For these and other reasons the council supports expanding the hall. However, we would still need to decide how big to make the storage room. If you have an opinion on this, or what the aesthetics of the addition should be, or on adult and youth outreach, or on how the bazaar went, please let me know. I want to have the input of everyone concerned before making a final decision.

In Christ, Fr. Schmitz